

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices August 2006 ^{9/}
		September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	
		-dollars-			-dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.75	2.95	3.05	3.28	3.77	3.94	10.50
Corn	Bu.	2.08	2.33	2.41	1.90	2.09	2.11	7.80
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.58	1.52	1.48	2.36	2.70	2.65	7.29
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	98.00	104.50	101.00	99.00	106.00	107.00	—
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	125.00	130.00	145.00	106.00	110.00	112.00	—
Other 3/	Ton	94.00	101.00	95.00	78.90	91.50	93.00	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.170	.170	.171	.686
Soybeans	Bu.	5.50	5.30	5.14	5.77	5.23	5.12	17.20
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.205	--	.220	.309	.399	.399	.529
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	5.69	7.95	6.81	16.10
Oats	Bu.	1.94	2.27	2.34	1.54	1.67	1.68	4.33
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	89.40	82.10	89.40	88.00	87.70	90.30	193.00
Cows	Cwt.	46.00	42.10	41.10	49.80	47.00	47.30	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	100.00	100.00	103.00	92.10	91.90	95.20	—
Calves	Cwt.	120.00	120.00	120.00	135.00	134.00	135.00	269.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	49.40	51.60	50.00	117.00
Milk: All, wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	16.70	14.40	14.50	15.30	12.00	12.60	38.60
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	16.70	14.40	14.50	15.30	12.10	12.60	—
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	--	--	--	14.70	11.10	11.90	—
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.49	.47	.46	.461	.388	.372	1.78
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.460	.420	.420	—
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.503	.491	.541	1.10

-- No sales indicated or not available. ^{1/} Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. ^{2/} Parity price is for All Wheat. ^{3/} All prices are mid-month. ^{4/} Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{5/} Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. ^{7/} Discontinued. ^{8/} June 2006 Fat test percent: all milk 3.62, fluid milk 3.62, mfg. grade 3.82. ^{9/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 – 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

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VIRGINIA’S CORN, SOYBEAN AND ALFALFA HAY PRODUCERS EXPECT HIGHER YIELDS IN 2006

Based on conditions as of October 1, Virginia corn yields are forecast to average 125 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, production would be 43.1 million bushels up 2 percent from 2005. Producers expect to harvest 345,000 acres for grain this year.

Cotton producers currently expect to harvest 104,000 acres with an average yield of 822 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 178,000 bales, down 3 percent from last year.

Virginia’s soybean yields are expected to be 31 bushels per acre which is 1 bushel per acre greater than last year. Production is estimated at 15.5 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2005. Harvested acres are at 500,000, down 10,000 acres from last year.

The forecasted peanut yield of 2,950 pounds per acre is down 50 pounds per acre from 2005. Production is forecast at 47.0 million pounds, down 28 percent from last year. Harvesting activities have begun with 35 percent of the crop combined.

Alfalfa hay production is expected to be up 21 percent from last year to 480,000 tons. Alfalfa yield is expected to average 4 tons per acre, .4 of a ton per acre greater than in 2005. The forecasted yield for other hay is 1.7 tons per acre. Other hay production is forecast at 1.96 million tons, down 38 percent from 2005.

Flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 2,400 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds from 2005. Production is estimated to be 40.8 million pounds, up 21 percent from last year.

Fire-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 2,100 pounds, up 150 pounds from the 2005 estimate. If realized, production would total 735 thousand pounds, up slightly from last year.

Burley tobacco producers expect to average a yield of 2,000 pounds per acre from 2,500 acres. Production is forecast at 5.0 million pounds, down 880 thousand pounds from last year.

Apple production in Virginia is forecast at 240 million pounds, down 40 million pounds from last year. As of October 1 fall apple harvest was 85 percent completed, with the winter varieties harvest at 25 percent complete.

VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION

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Crop	Acres Planted			Acres For Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Unit	Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006		2004	2005	2006
	-Thousand Acres-			-Thousand Acres-			- Units -				-Thousand Units-		
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Lbs.	300,000	280,000	240,000
Barley	55	60	58	40	45	42	74	87	77	Bu.	2,960	3,915	3,234
Corn for Grain	500	490	480	360	360	345	145	118	125	Bu.	52,200	42,480	43,125
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	135	125	---	20.0	17.0	---	Tons	2,700	2,125	---
Cotton, Upland 2/	82	93	105	81	92	104	956	955	822	Bales	161.4	183.0	178.0
Grapes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Tons	3.7	5.6	6.5
All Hay	---	---	---	1,290	1,320	1,270	2.54	2.68	1.92	Tons	3,272	3,542	2,435
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	110	110	120	4.00	3.60	4.00	Tons	440	396	480
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,180	1,210	1,150	2.40	2.60	1.70	Tons	2,832	3,146	1,955
Oats 3/	---	14	16	---	3	4	---	61.0	55.0	Bu.	---	183	220
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Tons	4.5	4.7	3.5
Peanuts	33	23	17	32	22	16	3,250	3,000	2,950	Lbs.	104,000	66,000	47,200
Summer Potatoes	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.6	240	210	300	Cwt.	1,200	1,029	1,680
Sweet Potatoes	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	125	125	---	Cwt.	50	38	---
Sorghum for Grain 4/	5	---	---	2	---	---	68	---	---	Bu.	136	---	---
Sorghum for Silage 4/	---	---	---	3	---	---	10.0	---	---	Tons	30	---	---
Soybeans	540	530	520	530	510	500	39.0	30.0	31.0	Bu.	20,670	15,300	15,500
Tobacco 5/	---	---	---	29.68	17.14	19.85	2,267	2,354	2,344	Lbs.	67,285	40,351	46,535
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	23.00	14.00	17.00	2,505	2,410	2,400	Lbs.	57,615	33,740	40,800
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	5.90	2.80	2.50	1,390	2,100	2,000	Lbs.	8,201	5,880	5,000
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.71	.34	.35	1,895	2,150	2,100	Lbs.	1,345	731	735
Sun-Cured Tobacco 6/	---	---	---	.07	---	---	1,770	---	---	Lbs.	124	---	---
Winter Wheat	210	180	190	180	160	155	55	63	68	Bu.	9,900	10,080	10,540

1/ Silage planted included in corn for grain planted. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 3/ Oats was added in 2005. Acres for harvest is grain only. 4/ Sorghum was discontinued in 2005. Silage planted included in sorghum for grain planted. 5/ Includes all types. 6/ No Sun-cured tobacco harvested in 2005 or 2006.

GRAIN STOCKS: BY POSITION, MONTH, UNITED STATES, 2005-2006 1/

Months	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All
	-1,000 bushels-	-1,000 bushels-	-1,000 bushels-	-1,000 bushels-	-1,000 bushels-	-1,000 bushels-
	Corn					
Mar 1	4,137,000	2,619,334	6,756,334	4,055,000	2,932,328	6,987,328
Jun 1	2,462,300	1,858,513	4,320,813	2,350,500	2,011,199	4,361,699
Sep 1	820,500	1,293,472	2,113,972	749,500	1,221,072	1,970,572
Dec 1	6,325,000	3,489,957	9,814,957			
	Oats					
Mar 1	43,500	38,946	82,446	42,200	32,673	74,873
Jun 1	23,350	32,592	57,942	25,190	27,376	52,566
Sep 1	71,700	41,803	113,503	59,900	39,328	99,228
Dec 1	60,100	35,617	95,717			
	Barley					
Mar 1	79,680	111,001	190,681	68,400	98,354	166,754
Jun 1	41,100	87,317	128,417	30,770	77,161	107,931
Sep 1	137,400	117,511	254,911	112,750	100,139	212,889
Dec 1	103,650	104,335	207,985			
	All Wheat					
Mar 1	304,710	679,681	984,391	256,000	716,215	972,215
Jun 1	161,275	378,825	540,100	111,010	460,180	571,190
Sep 1	721,360	1,201,931	1,923,291	572,020	1,171,021	1,743,041
Dec 1	513,010	916,414	1,429,424			
	Soybeans					
Mar 1	795,000	586,364	1,381,364	872,000	797,206	1,669,206
Jun 1	356,100	343,174	699,274	495,500	495,199	990,699
Sep 1	99,700	156,038	255,738	176,300	272,488	448,788
Dec 1	1,345,000	1,157,098	2,502,098			

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Milk Cows and Milk Production ^{1/}

Region	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk Per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006
Virginia	-Thousand Head-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
23 State Total	105	103	103	1,325	1,340	1,300	139	138	134
	8,167	8,252	8,246	1,599	1,680	1,615	13,057	13,861	13,318

1/ 2005 and 2006 revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.